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Dear Mr. Greczmiel

Please do not step on the voice of citizens like myself. The National Environmental Policy Act is one of the most important environmental laws of the United States. NEPA guarantees that environmental impacts are identified and considered in projects involving federal funds or a federal permit, and that there is an opportunity for public participation and comment.

One of the best examples of how NEPA should work is an environmental review undertaken by the Corps of Engineers of the I-73 project in Virginia. The Corps' environmental analysis identified significant environmental harm to wetlands and a failure to study reasonable alternatives. As a result, the Corps recommended that the permit should be denied. Our form of government relies on citizen involvement and NEPA is the avenue for matters like these.

Please do nothing to weaken NEPA or its environmental analysis and public participation process requirements which are essential to protecting America's environment.

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